

REMARKS

Applicants submit this amendment to correct errors in the dependencies of claims 13-16 as listed in Applicants' Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement submitted on July 1, 2004. MPEP § 710.02(e) states that "[a]n extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is not necessary when submitting a supplemental reply to an Office action if a complete first reply was timely filed in reply to the Office action." Applicants submitted a complete and responsive reply on July 1, 2004, before the non-fee deadline of July 3, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a complete first reply was timely filed in reply to the Office action in this case, and no further fee is needed for the entry and consideration of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants have amended claims 13-16 to correct errors in dependencies resulting from a clerical error. Applicants submit this change introduces no new subject matter.

CONCLUSION


Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to claims 13-16 presented herein be entered in the instant application. The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (617) 248-7044 to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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